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SUBJECT: FRG DECORATION OF US GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE

1. SENAT INFORMED MISSION NOVEMBER 9 THAT FEDERAL PRESIDENT HAS AWARDED GEORGE L. WERTENBAKER, FAA EMPLOYEE SERVING WITH US MISSION AS US ADMINISTRATOR FOR AERONAUTICS. (BEGIN UNDERLINE) GORSSES VERDIENSTKRUEZ DES VERDIEN

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STORDEN DER BUNDESREPUBLIC DEUSTCHLAND. (END UNDERLINE) DECORATION WAS RECOMMENDED BY OFFICE OF SENATOR FOR ECONOMICS, AND GOVERNING MAYOR SCHUETZ WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT IT NOVEMBER 16 (DAY BEFORE WERTENBAKER'S BIRTHDAY). CHIEF OF SENAT PROTOCOL OFFICE TOLD MISSION OFFICER THAT DECORATION HAD BEEN CLEARED WITH FRG FOREIGN MINISTRY AND HE ASSUMED IT HAD ALSO BEEN CLEARED WITH U.S. GOVERNMENT, BUT WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO ASCERTAIN THIS IS SO.

2. DURING HIS NINE YEARS IN CHARGE OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF TEMPELHOF, BERLIN'S MAJOR AIRPORT, MR. WERTENBAKER HAS SKILLFULLY SUPERVISED EXPANSION OF ITS FACILITIES TO MEET GROWING DEMANDS FOR AIR SERVICES, WHILE DIPLOMATICALLY COORDINATING VIEWS OF THE US, ALLIED AND SENAT AUTHORITIES, AS WELL AS ALLIED CARRIERS. MISSION HEARTILY RECOMMENDS THAT DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZE WERTENBAKER TO ACCEPT DECORATION, WHICH WOULD REFLECT FAVORABLY NOT ONLY ON HIM PERSONALLY, BUT ON US AIR ROLE IN BERLIN.

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WE REGRET DELAYED SUBMISSION OF THIS REQUEST, OCCASIONED

BY LACK OF PRIOR INFORMATION, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE
PROMPT REPLY SO THAT GOVERNING MAYOR MAY GO AHEAD WITH HIS PLANS.BORG

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